

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-2 and 11-12 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A notebook computer protection device, comprising:

a reinforced body member having a sleeve adapted to ~~both receive and~~ secure a notebook computer therewithin, the body member having at least one opening permitting access to a lateral portion of the received notebook computer while secured therewithin without manipulating the body member.

2. (currently amended) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the body member has a plurality of openings permitting access to a plurality of lateral portions of the notebook computer while secured therewithin without manipulating the body member.

3. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 2 wherein the body member has a plurality of extensions defining the openings therebetween.

4. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the body member has a port coupled to the sleeve and is adapted to receive the notebook computer and also to permit retrieval therethrough.

5. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 4 further comprising a retractable handle disposed across the port and adapted to permit manipulation of the body member when the notebook computer is received therein.

6. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 5 wherein the handle is pivotably retractable.

7. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 5 wherein the handle curves outwardly from the body member.

8. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the body member further includes a security device adapted to provide an alert when the notebook computer is removed from the body member.

9. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the body member is comprised of a translucent material permitting a visual inspection of substantially all of the notebook computer when received therewithin.

10. (original) The notebook computer protection device as specified in Claim 1 wherein the body member further comprises a resilient member disposed proximate the sleeve and adapted to securely cushion the notebook computer when received therewithin.

11. (currently amended) In combination:

a notebook computer; and

a reinforced body member having a sleeve adapted to both receive and secure a notebook computer therewithin, the body member having at least one opening permitting access to a lateral portion of the received notebook computer while secured therewithin without manipulating the body member.

12. (currently amended) The combination as specified in Claim 11 wherein the body member has a plurality of openings permitting access to a plurality of lateral portions of the notebook computer while secured therewithin without manipulating the body member.

13. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 12 wherein the body member has a plurality of extensions defining the opening therebetween.

14. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 11 wherein the body member has a port coupled to the sleeve and is adapted to receive the notebook computer and also to permit retrieval therethrough.

15. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 14 further comprising a retractable handle disposed across the port and adapted to permit manipulation of the body member when the notebook computer is received therein.

16. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 15 wherein the handle is pivotably retractable.

17. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 15 wherein the handle curves outwardly from the body member.

18. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 11 wherein the body member further includes a security device adapted to provide an alert when the notebook computer is removed from the body member.

19. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 11 wherein the body member is comprised of a translucent material permitting a visual inspection of substantially all of the notebook computer when received therewithin.

20. (original) The combination as specified in Claim 11 wherein the body member further comprises a resilient member disposed proximate the sleeve and adapted to securely cushion the notebook computer when received therewithin.